under consideration. The request of the student will be considered thereafter.

Internship of BHMS Students in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries

1687. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to allow some BHMS students to undertake internship training in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries has been recommended and approved by the competent authorities in his Ministry.

(b) if so, the reasons why its implementation is being deliberately delayed on one or the other ground; and

(c) if not, the reasons why some BHMS student who made such a request in first week of August have not so far been intimated of the decision taken on their representation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The proposal for allowing internship in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries is under consideration.

Import of Copper T From U.S. Firm

1688. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire consignment of copper T 200 Bs imported by Government from U.S. was found to be defective;

(b) whether an earlier consignment of copper T imported from the same firm was also found sub-standard and below the specifications laid down;

(c) if so, what is the cost involved in terms of foreign exchange;

(d) what are the terms and conditions of any, laid down for the import of copper T 200 Bs from the American firm; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government for the supply of sub-standard copper T 200 Bs by the American firm?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Components of copper Ts were received by Hindustan Latex Limited, Thiruvananthapuram from the firm as commodity assistance by UNFPA. Some of these components on test in India did not conform to the US-FDA approved Population Council standards and, therefore, could not be used.

(c) Since the supplies were received as commodity assistance, no outgo of foreign exchange was involved.

(d) The agreement between Hindustan Latex Ltd. and the American firm provided that all components should meet the US-FDA approved Population Council Standards.

(e) The Government appointed a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Drugs Controller (India). The Committee had the components re-tested and those conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards have been recommended for use in the National Family Welfare Programme.

Victims of Burns

1689. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Times of India dated 30.8.93 captioning 90 per cent burns victims denied admission;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Doctors in the Government hospitals have been instructed not to admit any female patient who have received over 45 per cent burns;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(d) what steps are being taken to

ensure that the patient is attended to and given treatment before the formalities are fulfilled even if it is a medico-level case?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Necessary Treatment is provided simultaneously with the completion of the medico-legal formalities.

Agreement Between 'Nurses' Union and AIIMS Management

1690. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bilateral settlements was signed between the AIIMS management and the Nurses Union on 28th June, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details of the terms of agreements and to what strength it has been implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that the AIIMS Nurses Union has given a notice to the Director, AIIMS stating their decision to intensify their struggle from 9th December, 1993 demanding the fulfilment of the commitments already made by the Management; and

(d) if so, the details and steps taken by the authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The agreement provided for upgradation of various categories of nursing posts in AIIMS and the preparation of a detailed job chart for each level of nursing staff. Over 440 promotions have been effected and the other matters are under process.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The AIIMS has given the Nurses a detailed response in respect of all their pending demands and issued an appeal to the Union not to resort to an agitational approach.

बिहार में राष्ट्रीय अंधापन नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम के लिए उपकरणों की अनुपलब्धता

1691. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय अंधापन नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम के अधीन बिहार में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों/सदर अस्पतालों/जिला चल एककों/क्षेत्रीय चक्षु संस्थान में मशीन उपकरण तथा वाहनों की व्यवस्था अभी तक नहीं की गई है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में उपकरणों तथा वाहनों के अभाव में इस कार्यक्रम की प्रगति की गति धीमी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में अंधापन की दर में दिन-प्रतिदिन वृद्धि होती जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार बिहार के सभी प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों/सदर अस्पतालों/जिला चल एककों तथा क्षेत्रीय चक्षु संस्थानों को मशीन, उपकरण तथा वाहन उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी॰ शंकरानन्द): (क) और (ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार बिहार राज्य ने उन उपकरणों, वाहनों आदि की खरीद नहीं की है जिनके लिए धनराशि उपलब्ध की गई थी। कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन में सुधार की काफी गुंजाइश है।

(ग) सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(घ) उपकरणों तथा वाहनों की केन्द्रीय खरीद आरम्भ की गई है और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य को विभिन्न चलती-फिरती यूनिटों के लिए छह वाहन सप्लाई किए गए हैं। राज्य को नेत्र विज्ञान-उपकरणों की भी सप्लाई करने संबंधी कार्रवाई की जा रही है।